

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (1876?) My dear Alec:

When your boy came I was in such a hurry I did not think of anything to say. Now I am very sorry for I know you will be disappointed and if I could I would go in to Boston myself and try to cheer you up a bit. I am so sorry about your paper, but pray don't give it up if you have promised it. Don't you see that if you are always making promises and breaking them, as you have done with Mr. Knight and the other man people will not trust you any more. I do hope you can finish it tonight, it was getting along so nicely it would be a great pity to give it up now. I have but a dim idea of how hard it is to work when one is all tired out, having never done it myself, but I know it must be something dreadful. I do not like to ask you to persevere in spite of all for I doubt I would do it myself, still it seems that if you have bound yourself to do it you ought to. Besides this fatigue now will save you much trouble afterwards will it not. Dear Alec I am very very sorry for you and only wish I could share your weariness. I feel as if it were all wrong I should lead such an easy comfortable life when you work so hard. Please tell me if I can help you in any way. I want to so much. O dear, I am ready to give myself a good shaking for letting the boy go off without a word from me.

I don't know what more to say though I feel as if I ought to and had a great deal. I love you very very much, and wish I could put my arms around your neck and comfort you a little. Forgive me for letting that boy go.

Lovingly, Mabel.